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MH to change trailer regulations

by CHAD INGRAM
Editor

Minden Hills council plans to make changes to the township's zoning bylaw to allow residents to live in campers and trailers while they have a residence under construction, and, after conducting public consultations, will consider making amendments to the bylaw to allow the use of trailers and RVs for camping on private property.

Councillors discussed the issue during a June 24 online meeting. For years residents have requested changes to township regulations concerning the use of trailers on private property, including a 2019 delegation requesting that camping on private property while visiting family or friends be permitted.

"Recently the township has received a number of inquiries from the public as to the status of any potential amendments to the township's zoning bylaw or other mechanisms which may be introduced to permit use of RVs and trailers on private property," reads a report from planning consultant Amanda Dougherty of D.M. Wills Associates Limited. "However, based on our review of available information and communications with the township's chief administrative officer any undertakings required with respect to

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Light as a feather

Michelle Swartz holds a feather out toward her daughter Megan, five, and shares a laugh while spending a few hours at Horseshoe Lake Beach in Minden. Swartz was also with her eldest daughter, Hailey, all visiting the area while on vacation. See more photos on page 15. /DARREN LUM Staff

County concerned about misuse of Crown land

by CHAD INGRAM
Editor

Haliburton County council is attempting to open a dialogue with the Ministry of Natural

Resources and Forestry about the ongoing inappropriate use of Crown land within the county's borders.

Councillors received a memo from Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt during a June 23 online meeting,

"The comments that are contained in the re-

port to council, they're a fraction of what I'm sure we've all heard off and on over many years, and many are anecdotal," Moffatt told her colleagues. "There is definitely a change in attitude these days ... and if we don't make it clear what kind of community we want to

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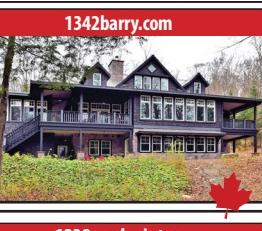
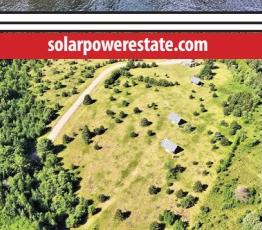
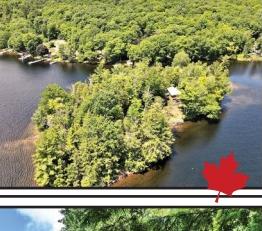


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Council to consider backyard camping

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the foregoing resolution have remained in preliminary stages only, and thus far no public consultation has occurred. We would recommend continuation of the background review, followed by the preparation of a survey for public consultation in order to gain a more wholesome community-based sense of the issues at hand. An open house may also be appropriate to receive public input. Following which, a draft amendment to the zoning bylaw could be brought forward to public meeting to gain further comments from the public and council. This work plan may also be an appropriate undertaking for the planning and development advisory committee, which we are to understand will soon be reinstated."

Township advisory committee meetings have been on hold amid the COVID-19 pandemic, with some committees recently beginning to meet again.

It was the recommendation from the township's planning consultants, with which councillors agreed, to divvy the issue into two; the use of trailers and RVs as temporary residences while a dwelling is being constructed, and their use for recreational camping.

"When I look at the neighbouring municipalities, they have not had this issue because I don't think that they're as stringent with the rules as we have been," said Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell. "They all allow that if you have a building permit that you can actually have your trailer there, I mean, within reason."

Schell said she appreciated that type of use being separated from recreational use in the zoning bylaw.

"As I look around the municipality, there are several people that are doing this right now, and I haven't personally had any complaints from members of the public that they're doing it," Schell said. "The only complaint I get is the people using the trailers are being told they can't."

"I haven't seen a huge issue with it, I think people are being very respectful with it," Schell continued. "I know within the other municipalities, one of the mayors, you know, was using their trailer at a friend's cottage. And I was like, oh, you guys actually get to do that? And she said, yeah, not like permanent, but for a weekend we're very flexible about that, you just can't put it there for the whole summer, etc. And I personally don't see a problem with that."

Schell added the township already had a very busy bylaw department and that it seemed to be a waste of the depart-

ment's time dealing with complaints.

Councillor Bob Carter agreed the issues should be separated. "I just think it's a ludicrous rule that exists," Carter said. "You know, if you have a building permit and you're going to be building a house you should be able to live in some sort of temporary accommodation on the site while it's being built."

With regard to recreational use, Carter said there needed to be extended public consultation.

Councillor Jean Neville said she agreed with Schell.

"I also do not object to somebody putting their trailer on somebody's property for two or three days and camping out, I don't see anything wrong with that, whatsoever," Neville said, adding that any complaints around noise or fireworks could be dealt with through the township's bylaws on those nuisances. "I don't see anything wrong with it, whatsoever, so I don't see why there's so much controversy over it."

Councillor Pam Sayne agreed it was ludicrous that residents were not allowed to live in a trailer on a temporary basis while constructing a new residence, and agreed with a wider public consultation in regard to allowing recreational camping. Sayne added that the COVID-9 pandemic had caused housing issues for some, and said that also needed to be considered.

Sayne and Schell said they'd like to see a moratorium on the regulations for the rest of the summer.

"You've all said exactly what my sentiments are," said Mayor Brent Devolin.

Chief administrative officer Trisha McKibbin said a moratorium could be problematic, as it would suspend other aspects of the bylaw that could then cause more issues for the township. McKibbin said an amending bylaw would be required to put a moratorium specifically on enforcement related to trailers. With an additional special meeting and a regular meeting of council at the end of July, she said a moratorium should be able to be put into place at that time. Any amendment to a zoning bylaw has the legal requirement of public meeting.

"We can work as quickly as we can to get an amending bylaw back before council, but, again we're going to need some specific direction from council," McKibbin said, adding there were also building code implications and so forth to consider. "I don't want to overcomplicate things, but it is complicated, basically."

A public consultation on the use of trailers and RVs for recreational camping is to follow.

Ontario moving into Step 2 of reopening plan

by MIKE BAKER
Times Staff

Beginning today, Haliburton County residents will be able to schedule haircuts, get their nails done and hang out with up to 25 friends outdoors as Ontario moves into Step 2 of its latest 'Roadmap to Reopen'.

Public health restrictions were loosened as of 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30. With the move, indoor gatherings with people outside of your immediate household are allowed for the first time in months, with up to five people permitted to gather.

There are numerous changes to retail, dining and indoor services. Essential retail stores can open to 50 per cent capacity; non-essential retail stores can open to 25 per cent capacity;

stores in shopping malls can reopen; outdoor dining expands to six people per table; public libraries can open up to 25 per cent capacity; and religious services and other ceremonies, such as weddings and funerals, can be held at 25 per cent capacity.

Recreationally, outdoor fitness classes can run providing participants remain three metres apart from one another; no-contact outdoor sports such as tennis can start up again; overnight camps will be reopened for children; outdoor water parks, fairs, festivals and amusement parks can reopen with 25 per cent capacity; and outdoor concerts, theatres, cinemas, sports facilities, horse racing and motor speedways can reopen at 25 per cent audience capacity.

Ontario will likely remain in Step 2 for the full 21 days before transitioning to Step 3, meaning the next step will be ushered in on July 21.

County	Current Cases Not Resolved	Current High Risk Contacts	Current Probable Cases	Confirmed Cases (Total to date)	Confirmed Cases Resolved (Total to Date)	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Confirmed Deaths (Total to date)	Probable Deaths (Total to date)
Haliburton	0	0	0	122	121	3	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	7	25	0	1,090	1,038	46	45	13
Northumberland	1	5	0	945	927	32	17	0
Total***	8	37	0	2,157	2,086	81	63	13

Haliburton County currently COVID-19 free

In the HKPR region, just one new confirmed case of COVID-19 was reported on June 29, in Northumberland County. Haliburton County continues to not have any active cases of COVID-19 as case counts decrease throughout the province./Screenshot from HKPRDHU

County's shoreline bylaw to be prepared for fall

by CHAD INGRAM
Editor

A new shoreline preservation bylaw for Haliburton County should be ready for final approval by council by October, county councillors heard during a June 23 online meeting.

Council received an introductory presentation from representatives of Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. and engineering and planning firm J.J. Richards and Associates, the companies that have been hired by the county for the creation of the bylaw.

The county had begun meetings regarding the drafting of a bylaw aimed at protecting lake health by restricting site alteration and the removal of vegetation near water bodies in early 2020. However, there was significant controversy and public criticism of a draft bylaw – particularly a recommended setback of 30-metres for site alteration and vegetation removal – as well as the in-house process the county had undertaken, and in January of this year, council decided to abandon that process and instead hire a consultant for the creation of a draft bylaw.

The consultants have been in discussions with county staff, and last week provided council with an introduction of the team who will be responsible for the project – with extensive education and experience in environmental sciences, planning and public policy – as well as the proposed work plan and public engagement strategy.

The consultants will review the draft bylaw the county had created, conduct a scientific literature review, research successful practices in other municipalities, and conduct a public consultation process. An extended public consultation process, approved by council, will lengthen the project's timeline by four to six weeks, and increase its price tag by approximately \$13,000. The initial contract was for \$41,605.

That public consultation process will take place in two rounds. A first round will address questions of "What?" and "Why?" when it comes to the bylaw, and include a series of virtual public open houses, surveys (both paper and electronic) and one-on-one interviews with municipal staff and

stakeholders.

A first draft report will then be produced, which Jason Ferrigan, a senior planner for J.J. Richards, expected would happen in August. A second round of public consultations will then take place, addressing the question of "How?" the bylaw will work, with a final report expected to come back to county council in September or October.

"The advantage to this is that it will give council the ability to understand stakeholder perspectives on the draft bylaw prior to its final consideration by council," read correspondence from Ferrigan.

Councillors were in favour of the consultation framework.

"I'm ecstatic with your visit consultation program, it kind of, will leave no stone unturned," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. "... I'm confident that you'll help us with your balanced approach to have the best outcome that we can."

"Given the amount of controversy associated with this project, I can't see us saying no to as much consultation at every level of this process as we can possibly do," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen.

"The extended time and the next round is absolutely the way we should go on this issue," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt.

The consultants had drafted a list of stakeholders from whom to solicit feedback, Moffatt questioning some of the organizations on that list, including lake associations.

"We know there's been a lot of angst and disruption among the associations and their memberships and those who are not members," Moffatt said. "Associations don't represent all property owners, and that's a concern that has been made very clear and loudly to us over the last year."

Moffatt pointed to dozens of emails councillors have received from residents of Kennisis Lake, indicating the lake association doesn't speak for them. "I think we need to just be cautious around that, and make sure that we acknowledge and fully understand that lake associations don't represent all property owners, but we do," she said. "... If an association doesn't have a signed constitution saying, we can bind the membership, then what an executive says, no offence, doesn't really matter, because they don't have the authority

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— ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS MAYOR CAROL MOFFATT

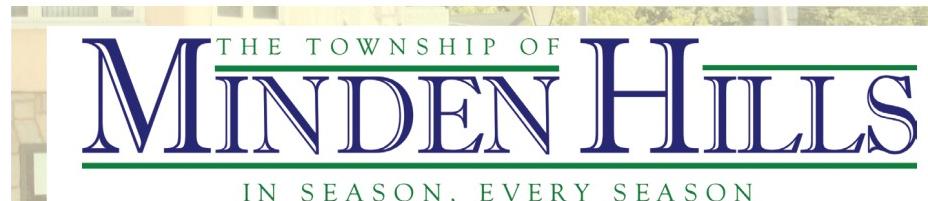
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to bind their membership. So, I'm struggling with that point of constitutional work within lake associations. How do we hear from lake associations, knowing that they duly represent their paid members, and how do we also hear from people, and ensure we hear from people, who do not belong to any organization or association?"

Moffatt also pointed to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce being included on the stakeholder list, pointing out it is also a membership-based organization, and questioned the inclusion of the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority, whose jurisdiction includes some of Highlands East. The rest of the county is not represented by any conservation authority and Moffatt suggested that more locally-based groups, such as the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow, for instance, may have more insight.

"I really appreciate Councillor Moffatt's questions, be-

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(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

- July 29 – Regular Council Meeting
- August 26 – Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in July, August and December.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

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The 2021 Final Residential tax bills were mailed on June 25th, 2021. If you have not received your bill(s) prior to the July due date, please contact our office.

The Final tax bill will be payable in two installments; July 23rd, 2021 and September 17th, 2021. This bill has been calculated using the 2021 assessment multiplied by the 2021 applicable tax rate(s), less the interim billing amount. Payments received after June 14th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Please note that any overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for July. Please contact our office for a current balance.

The Final Commercial/Industrial/Multi-residential tax bills are anticipated to be mailed in August. Bills with both commercial and residential assessments will be mailed together at that time.

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- Payment at financial institutions.
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Absolutely no cash is to be deposited in the drop box.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades and fireworks. We recommend enjoying fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals, rather than at home. If someone still chooses to have a family fireworks or an informal neighborhood display, they must check with their local fire department about regulations regarding fireworks.

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- Apply for and receive an approved fireworks permit
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- Carefully read and follow the label directions on fireworks packaging.
- Always keep a water hose or pail of water close by when discharging fireworks.
- Discharge fireworks well away from combustible materials like buildings, trees and dry grass.
- Keep onlookers a safe distance away, upwind from the area where fireworks are discharged.
- Light only one firework at a time and only when they are on the ground. Never try to light a firework in your hand or re-light dud fireworks.
- For dud fireworks, it is best to wait 30 minutes and soak them in a bucket of water. Dispose of them in a metal container.
- Discharge fireworks only if wind (less than 25 km/h) conditions do not create a safety hazard.
- Keep sparklers away from children. Sparklers burn extremely hot and can ignite clothing, cause blindness and result in severe burns. As the sparkler wire remains hot for some minutes after burnout, it should be immediately soaked in water to avoid injury.
- If someone gets burned, run cool water over the wound for three to five minutes and seek medical attention, if necessary.

Paths of creativity forged in Barnum Creek logo design process for student

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Leaving an impression on the world is what many artists look to achieve.

When Colleen Petric, a Grade 10 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student from the Carnarvon area, was chosen by her teacher to be central to creating a logo for the Barnum Creek Reserve, she welcomed the opportunity.

It would be her first logo and another creation to add to her growing portfolio of work for school and for future ambitions. She said it enabled her to grow as a designer and as an artist.

In acknowledging the legacy associated with popularized logos in the public sphere, she appreciated that idea.

"I'm just very thankful that I got this opportunity and that might happen," she said.

Under the stewardship of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, the Reserve and its several hundreds of acres was made possible by the donation of the Dobrzensky family. Since it officially opened this past autumn with an official opening ceremony with local politicians, members and executive of the Land Trust and the Dobrzensky family that included Leopoldina (now passed) and daughter Margaret, it has become one of the most popular destinations for area residents and visitors looking to embrace nature, whether for a hike, a bike ride or snowshoe adventure close to Haliburton.

Colleen worked with the Land Trust's Barnum Creek Nature Reserve working group to design the Reserve's logo, which is a circle with a black outline, containing a black coniferous tree set on the right against



Above, the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve logo designed by Colleen Petric.

Right, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 10 student Colleen Petric, who designed the Barnum Creek Reserve logo, is warmed by the afternoon light, breaking through the canopy of the woods at the Reserve. /DARREN LUM Staff



white, located on a green hill with a blue creek, representing Barnum Creek going from left to right, and in the upper left of the circle are the words Barnum Creek Nature Reserve set against white. The working

group set out parameters and provided the arts student with background and advice on the design. She started with a rendering in her sketchbook and then took her design, transferring it to her digital workspace and used the free app, Sketchpad.io. It took her close to 20 hours over two months to complete.

The working group chose to select a student, believing it would be a great opportunity.

"We thought of the art students at the high school. It would be a great way to raise awareness to Barnum to the students because eventually I think once we're allowed we'd like to get students involved at Barnum in some capacity," working group member Rosie Kadwell said.

Kadwell, who said she loved what Colleen did, said the logo has been well-received.

She contacted HHSS teacher and art department head Karen Gervais for help with the selection.

Colleen said her teacher, who had just taught her in Grade 11 open level painting after teaching her in Grade 9 and 10 visual arts courses, selected her for her artistic skills and her connection to nature.

Gervais described her student as someone who "puts 110 per cent into everything she undertakes."

She continued, "For a young artist, she makes sophisticated use of the creative process and thoroughly experiments with design possibilities. She shows a strong capacity for self-reflection and awareness of strengths in her work and areas she still needs to revise and push. Colleen is also very receptive to constructive feedback and embraces criticism. She shows a lot of professionalism here and realizes the importance of this in the design process - especially when collaborating with a group or organization."

Gervais said she has worked with Colleen towards designing a certificate and promotional materials for the high school's Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion training program, as well as creating an illustrated visual to support a new phonics program being

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The Grade 10 student, who would welcome another logo opportunity if it came up, acknowledges that she underestimated the amount of work that was required to create a logo, including not just the creative aspect, but the give and take related to working with the working group.

The collaboration is something that worked well, Kadwell said.

"She was very efficient. Obviously her artwork is great and conversing back and forth by email she'd respond right away. She came up with a draft and I presented it to the working group and of course provided some feedback and then was able to take our feedback and tweak it and come up with the logo we have today," she said.

Having spent years on various committees developing logos, Kadwell said they can take the longest due to the back-and-forth that is required during the process, but with this it was streamlined and quick.

Colleen adds from the original design there wasn't too much that changed except for the colours. There was a blue sky instead of the white and the type face was different. The colour change, she said, was to ensure the creek element would stand out more with white.

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HHHS extends strategic plan, discusses ‘year of the pandemic’ at AGM

by MIKE BAKER
Times Staff

Haliburton Highlands Health Services has adopted a new one-year strategic plan as the organization prepares for life after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The plan includes four priority areas – advancing community partnerships, investing in the hospital’s people, building the organization’s capacity to thrive, and transforming the local health service experience.

Carolyn Plummer, HHHS president and CEO, informed those who attended the hospital’s virtual AGM last Thursday, June 24 that, over the past 12 months, the health care provider has partnered with several organizations across the region to implement or advance a wealth of community programs. Chief amongst those was the creation of the COVID-19 Assessment Centre, which opened in April 2020. The Assessment Centre, which is still in operation today, was a joint initiative led by HHHS, the County of Haliburton, the Haliburton Family Medical Centre and the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team.

Looking to the future, the organization will continue to work with the Peterborough Regional Health Centre and other health care partners to participate in a “hub and spoke” model for infection prevention and control support for long-term care homes.

Plummer mentioned HHHS has recruited more than 100 new members of staff over the past fiscal year – April 2020 to April 2021.

HHHS’ strategic plan was set to expire this year. Given all that has been done organi-

zationally over the past 16 months to withstand and respond to the pandemic, Plummer thought it would be prudent to continue with that work for at least another year.

“Looking ahead, the board is very aware that this uncertainty and operational pressures created by the pandemic may extend into 2022 and 2023, and the plan may possibly need to be extended again until a more comprehensive process can occur,” Plummer said. “As we look forward to the future... we’re still faced with an incredible amount of uncertainty about what lies ahead, and what changes we can expect. There are still many unknowns, still mountains to climb and races to run.”

New initiatives

Plummer said there were “several exciting initiatives” on the horizon for HHHS over the next year.

“We will be improving our information system implementation, continuing our Ontario Health Team journey with other health service providers in the county, and, of course, supporting our team and the community through the pandemic recovery,” Plummer said. “The year is already off to a successful start... with the implementation of a virtual primary care clinic using our telemedicine suite to support residents of Haliburton County who do not have a local primary care provider.”

HHHS is also working towards the implementation of a new clinical information software called Epic. The program will improve the organization’s ability to seamlessly access and transfer digital medical records, and will be going live in December.

Some of the highlights of the new system

include: single digit records for each patient across seven participating hospitals; patient access to health information through a patient portal called MyChart; timely access to information such as test results and other medical information; and improvements to patient safety.

Hospital services

Although the hospital did see a reduction in visits to the emergency department over the past year – a common theme amongst most hospitals in the province – Plummer says staff were still “very busy,” with around 18,000 visits and 4,000 patients seen over the past 12 months.

In diagnostic imaging, the hospital completed over 10,000 tests, including x-rays, ultrasounds, electrocardiography tests and bone density tests.

Another positive statistic – Plummer noted that around 80 per cent of the hospital’s staff were now fully vaccinated.

Team recognition

“Perseverance, tenacity, courage and resilience. These powerful words reflect our team over the past year,” Plummer said.

Dealing with the constant stress and pressure brought on by the pandemic has taken its toll on hospital staff, Plummer noted. The entire team, she says, has stepped up to the plate and gone above and beyond in ensuring visitors to the hospital were safely and properly cared for, no matter the circumstance.

“Our team has run many short races and continues to do so. They have stayed the course, providing excellent care and service despite all of the challenges,” Plummer said. “We’re all looking forward to that day when

the pandemic ends, however also know that our team is fatigued. The pandemic has taken its toll on their mental and physical well-being, and the descent from that peak holds its own challenges.”

She added, “Words cannot express my gratitude, nor my pride in the incredible force that is our team at HHHS.”

Financials

Thomas Turnbull, of Grant Thornton LLP, presented the board with HHHS’ audited financial statements for the 2020/21 year at last week’s AGM.

He noted the hospital was in a good place financially, running a deficit of just over \$17,000 despite all the challenges brought on by the pandemic.

Over the past year, the organization received around \$20 million in funding from the Ontario government – up from around \$13 million the prior year. Turnbull noted an increase of this nature was fairly common amongst most services the size of HHHS in Ontario.

HHHS Foundation

Lisa Tompkins, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, said that, in spite of a difficult fundraising year with the pandemic, the organization was still able to transfer just over \$464,000 to our local hospitals to support much-needed programming and equipment purchases that aren’t covered by the province.

That money was used to purchase a new portage digital x-ray, an emergency room stretcher, and covered numerous COVID-19 related capacity upgrades, such as new

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Confronting legacy

CANADA DAY falls this week and maybe this is a good year to not celebrate. Maybe this is a good year to reflect on Canada's true history, its true identity, and think about the ways it can become better, and live up to its full potential.

In late May, the unmarked graves of 215 Indigenous children were confirmed on the property of a former residential school in Kamloops, B.C. Since then, more unmarked graves have been discovered at another five former residential school sites, bringing the total to 1,323 as of press time. That's from six sites. Consider that there were 139 residential school sites across the country.

Canada Day of course marks the anniversary of confederation in 1867, and maybe this is a good year for us all to think deeply about what was going on in Canada at that time. Confederation was the solidification of the colonization of what is now the country we call home. It's past time that Canadians – and, in particular, white Canadians – come to grips with the fact that colonization was racist, violent, and genocidal. It's important for us all to acknowledge and accept that many of the heroes of Canadian mythology, including the so-called Fathers of Confederation, statues of whom adorn every part of the country, were architects and willing overseers of a system that killed thousands of Indigenous children. It's important for us to all acknowledge and accept that many of these men used their positions to empower and enrich others who

looked like them – that is, other white men.

It's important for people like myself – a middle-class, white man – to acknowledge and accept that while I obviously personally played no part in this history, I have personally benefitted from generations of a system designed to help people who look like me succeed.

And this is where things get really uncomfortable for white Canadians. It's unsettling, and difficult to digest.

It's the reason some people get upset when statues of Sir John A. MacDonald are taken down (or in the case of Egerton Ryerson, toppled and beheaded), or when institutions that bear the names of these men are changed.

It's important also for all of us to acknowledge and accept that racist, colonial behaviour continues toward Indigenous people in this country to this day, whether that's through national indifference to missing and murdered Indigenous women, the decades-long atrocity of unclean drinking water on reserves, or failure to act on the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

And for those who contend that ripping down statues of figures such as MacDonald amounts to the erasing of history, I'd posit this: You can't erase history. Even if you try to bury it. Look at the ever-growing tally of unmarked graves being discovered on the grounds of places that were once called "schools."

History will find you.



CHAD INGRAM
Editor

Jenn calls that personal growth, but I'm not so sure.

Kwarky



That hollow feeling

OPENING DAY of bass season this year taught me a lot about life and the difference between reality and fantasy. That's the kind of thing you learn when you dramatically out-fish your best friend.

The big lesson: it was not as magical as I expected it to be.

I expected the kind of fireworks that you feel right after your first kiss – which, if you are a true angler, was probably with a big female bass.

I had good reason to expect this too.

You see my buddy normally out-fishes me every opening day, mostly because he uses spin fishing gear and I use a fly rod, which, as much as I love them, are definitely not as efficient in terms of casting distance and number of casts per hour.

This opening day, however, I finally discovered for myself that the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice. Basically, I caught seven or eight decent bass in the wind and the rain we endured, while my buddy caught a single rock bass.

It should have been like Christmas and every birthday all rolled up into one. I should have been elated. But, you know, I couldn't even muster enough enthusiasm to have him pose for several photos with that puny rock bass. Instead, I took just two.

Jenn calls that personal growth, but I'm not so sure.

I had dreamed about this for years and, between you and me, I just thought it would feel a whole lot better than it did. Sure, I still feel a warm glow emanat-



STEVE GALEA
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ing from deep inside. Yes, I smile every time I think of that puny rock bass. And, I'll be honest, this trip also engendered a newfound feeling of gratitude towards that species.

But all that is tempered with just a little remorse. I could not help but feel bad for my buddy. He truly expected to catch more and bigger smallmouth bass. There was no doubt in his mind that he would put on a fishing clinic for the fly angler. I half-thought it too.

Yet, when all was said and done, it was not to be – and he has to eat crow until next bass opener.

Again, I thought it would feel better. Don't get me wrong, it feels pretty darn good – but I just thought it would feel even better.

So, I did what I could to remain magnanimous. I did not dance when we were finished and trailering the boat – much. I did not mention the rock bass too often, except to strangers in passing boats and to anyone at the launch who asked how the fishing was. And when I raised the stringer that held the two fish I was taking home for dinner, I did not tell people I caught them. Instead, when they asked who caught those beauties, I humbly said, "Not him."

That's because I strive to be inclusive.

I will probably fish with him on opening day again, even though I am seriously considering quitting on a high note.

But what surprised me even more than that thought was how grateful I am – to have him as my fishing buddy, for credible witnesses and for rock bass in general.

Still, I can't help but feel remorse. I should have taken more photos.

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Daisies and lucky Canadians

NATURE REGULARLY shows us that life doesn't have to be as complicated as we sometimes make it. It's showing us again this month with a spectacular display of one of its simplest, most modest wildflowers.

The common daisy is straightforward, inspirational beauty sometimes called sunshine on the ground. It is in full bloom in June, and especially abundant this year along roadsides, in fields and other open areas.

The beauty of the daisy is its simplicity. It has a radial arrangement of 15 to 30 small and thin white petals surrounding a bright yellow central disc. There

are 23,000 species of daisies but the one we see in this part of the world is usually the ox-eye daisy.

In sunshine or in shade clumps of daisies radiate innocence and purity, plus an unpretentious cleverness.

Ancient civilizations considered the daisy clever because of its usefulness. Four thousand years ago, the Egyptians nurtured daisies in their substantial gardens for medicinal uses and for decoration.

A variety of peoples throughout the centuries used daisy extracts to treat wounds, coughs, colds and bronchitis. They also have been used for kidney and liver problems and for skin problems, including

inflammations.

Henry the Eighth, the English king who had six wives, ate daisies to stem stomach-ulcer pains and other ailments.

There is a growing daisy extract market today, driven by a 'return to nature' movement which favours herbal remedies over synthetic medicines.

The name daisy comes from the Anglo-Saxons whose 'daes eage' meant 'days eye', a reference to the flower closing its head at night and opening it first thing in the morning.

The Romans associated the flower with the nymph Belides who turned herself into a daisy to escape the sleazy attention of Vertumnus, the god of seasons.

The Vikings associated the flower with motherhood and childbirth, while Celts believed that when a child died the gods sprinkled its grave with daisies to help relieve the grief of the parents.

Christian religions associated the daisy with the Virgin Mary because it symbolized chastity, humility and innocence.

I understand the symbolism attached to the daisy over many centuries. However, I see something else.

The daisy reminds us of what lies ahead. Although we are in the heart of summer, the daisy's white head and golden face remind me that changes are not that far off.

Daylight hours already have begun to get shorter and just six weeks from now the greenery of the trees will begin turning to the golds and reds of autumn. Much later, the leaves will fall and the landscape will take on the whiteness of the daisy's outer petals.

That seems to be depressing, wildly negative thinking. What sane mind thinks of cold and snow when we have just started enjoying the sunshine and heat of summer?

Seeing those white and gold daisies as reminders of colder, darker days ahead is more mindful than negative. It's possible to soak up the beauty of flowers and other joys of summer while being mindful of coming changes.

Change is important because it is inevitable. It is the most basic law of nature, yet many of us don't like to think about it. We like things to remain the same.

We live in a world of change that is not just unprecedented, but is accelerating. We see evidence of climate change almost every day. Many aspects of our culture – our politics, our communication styles, even our religious institutions – are undergoing tremendous change but we spend much time arguing about them and too little thinking about how to deal with them.

Nature teaches us to accept change and to adjust to changing conditions. The beautiful daisies of summer are just one part of nature's many lessons.

The daisies tell me something else. They remind me of how lucky we are to live in a country of four seasons.

Each season brings us different experiences, different foods, different clothing. We get to swim and water ski in July and skate and snow ski in January.

Each season brings its own trait. Summer gives us exuberance, autumn reverence, winter perseverance and spring hope and renewal.

We are lucky folks, we Canadians.

letters to the editor

Bobcaygeon Road in bad shape

To the Editor,

I am writing regarding the Bobcaygeon Road which is desperately in need of repair.

I know you know this, and I am sure plans are afoot to do something, but I wanted to bring a few details to Council's attention when it comes to how much tax dollars should be spent on this project.

Are you aware that if you use any type of navigation system in your vehicle as you travel from Bracebridge to Minden it will advise you to take the Bobcaygeon Road as the shortest and fastest route?

This means the abundance of GTA traffic that flows up Hwy 400 and Hwy 11 to shop for real estate/cottages who also want to investigate Minden area and Haliburton County will be directed down the Bobcaygeon Road. It is the most direct route to the county seat where several real estate companies have offices. This means the Bobcaygeon Road will be their first impression. As the saying goes..."you only have one chance to make a first impression."

Secondly it is one of the few routes that funnel vehicles without option right into the downtown core.

This is a boon for our downtown merchants who would appreciate the increase in traffic. In addition, this provides the opportunity to showcases the natural beauty of Minden. A great reason to make the road more appealing.

Thirdly, Bobcaygeon Road has become dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists, motorcycles, and vehicles.

Living on this road I have experienced some near misses as people zig zag erratically trying to avoid the worse potholes. And you cannot blame them...you could break an axle in some of them.

So, in conclusion I am respectfully suggesting that this would be a real opportunity to maximize your return on this expenditure by doing this up right. This would include a nice wide bike lane for safety and to showcase the progressive nature of our community in regard to healthy activities.

This would include a large attractive sign on the 118-inviting people to Minden with the distance clearly marked.

I am excited about the future potential of a decent road and willing to suffer in the short term for a good outcome.

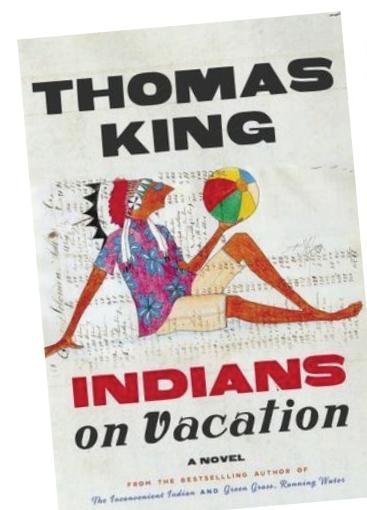
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Bobcaygeon Road

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HCPL's Book of the Month - July



In this brilliant new novel from Thomas King, we meet Bird and Mimi, a middle-aged couple who are attempting to trace Mimi's ancestral long-lost Uncle Leroy across Europe. Inspired by a handful of old postcards sent by Uncle Leroy nearly a hundred years earlier, Bird and Mimi attempt to follow in his footsteps to find a family medicine bundle he took with him all those years ago. By turns witty, sly and poignant, this unforgettable tale outlines one couple's purposeful holiday trip, where their wanderings through Europe's famous capitals reveal a complicated history, both personal and political.

A #1 Indie bestseller and a Canadian bestseller for 22 weeks running, this brilliant novel is the latest from one of Canada's foremost authors. *Indians On Vacation* is one of this year's Evergreen nominee's and is available for checkout from any branch of the Haliburton County Public Library.

This COVID-19 thing

I HAVEN'T WRITTEN about COVID-19. I like to write about things that I know something about. I'm not a scientist, epidemiologist, or a doctor, nor have I had a first hand encounter with COVID-19 (I'm so grateful for that) but, I do know what I've experienced during this pandemic. Mostly I have sat on the sidelines as a spectator. Last week I went for my second vaccine and the experience left me needing to say something ... so here goes.

My first vaccination was Pfizer. That went well. I booked online and went for my appointment. Got the shot, didn't have any real side effects. My second vaccine was booked for August. I was good with that. Then news came that we could get the second dose earlier than originally planned. I got online and booked the second Pfizer vaccine for last week. So far so good.

When I got to the vaccination site the sign said Moderna. Any information to date that I had absorbed was that the first and second dose should be the same so seeing the sign caused me to pause. My brain raced for a few minutes (think ping pong ball bouncing off four walls). Finally the decision was made to go for it. The trepidation I felt was aggravated by the person administering the dose who insisted on telling me how sick she was after her second vaccine. Part of the warning included saying that mixing Pfizer and Moderna would likely result in greater discomfort that could hit in as much as 48 hours. I left there feeling lousy - and not from side effects from the drug!

As I am writing this it has been a week

since I got the shot. I did not get sick. My arm hurt from where I got the needle and maybe I was a little tired but I don't know if that was from the vaccine or from my crazy active lifestyle. Furthermore, many people are now getting a mix of the drugs that are meant to immunize us against COVID-19. I guess I was one of the first for the Pfizer/Moderna combo. Turns out, I worried a lot for nothing. It's one of those situations where you say to yourself: If I knew then what I know now.

COVID-19 has kicked our asses in so many ways. Through this entire experience I have focused on being respectful of others. I can't criticize our government because I'm not prepared to walk in their shoes. This is brand new territory for everyone. I can't imagine how the governments are managing to navigate this situation as they try to keep us safe and keep the country/province running.

I've had 2 doses now. I'm not sure what that means exactly. Was getting the vaccination the right thing to do? I don't know the answer to that either. We make decisions based on the information we have at the time. I've chosen to trust the powers that be to take care of me. That was my choice. Right or wrong only time will tell.

Something to think about.

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Fundraising drive to revitalize Knox United Church

by CHAD INGRAM
Editor

Members of Dorset's Knox United Church are launching a fundraising campaign to make accessibility upgrades and other improvements to the building, which is more than 125 years old.

Dubbed the Knox Revitalization Project, organizers are hoping to raise \$80,000 during 2021 and 2022..

"A persistent barrier for Knox to developing new projects and innovative community programs has been realities such as crumbling stairs and safe accessible access to the building," reads a release from organizers. "This past winter we initiated a food rescue program in which we rescued produce at the end of its shelf life at Robinson's General Store and created soups and baking which was given to the Dorset Health Hub and the Baysville Winter Pantry for distribution. This very successful project highlighted the need for major improvements to the church and

access to it for members, visitors and volunteers and to provide more community programs. We are reaching out to all the many friends and supporters of Knox who can see there is a vibrant future for Knox in Dorset."

The project will include the reconstruction of stairs, porches, walkways and entrances, including ramps and railings for fully accessible entry. Environmentally sustainable upgrades such as new windows, insulation and septic system improvements are also planned, as is renovating interior spaces for multi-purpose use.

"Knox has been an integral part of the history of Dorset since 1894," the release reads. "It is the only remaining church in the village for regular church services, weddings, funerals and special holiday services."

Donations can be made online at www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/61962 and tax receipts are available. Cheques can be made payable to Knox United Church, Box 213, Dorset, Ont., P0A 1E0.

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Firearms creating safety concerns

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have and then work toward it, we could end up with the wild west."

Ongoing issues near Livingston Lake in Algonquin Highlands include a pit that is being used for camping and target shooting. The use of firearms is particularly problematic since there are residences, concealed by vegetation, close by.

Moffatt's memo referenced other areas, such as a piece of Crown land on the west side of Boshkung Lake, into which ATV trails have been cut.

To be crystal clear, this is not an anti-firearm or anti-ATV issue ... This is more an issue of compatible uses and appropriate stewardship, and there's a lot of Crown land out there and people can absolutely go and continue to use Crown land, that's what it's to be enjoyed for," she said. "But not just carte blanche, whenever, wherever, however you want, and that's where the conflict is arising. People more and more are choosing Crown land locations that are closest and most convenient and in many cases are just simply too close to private property, or in conflicting uses."

There have been similar issues within the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park, part of which is located within the southern portion of the Township of Minden Hills. Issues there have also included the use of firearms close to private residences, causing concerns for safety.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he thought it was time for a wider plan to deal with the ongoing misuse of various pieces of public property.

"Basically, I've reached with a boiling point with individuals using public lands, whether they're federal, provincial, municipal, disrespectfully, and that they're interfering with the enjoyment of private property," Devolin said. "This is particularly Crown, but this is a bigger thing, and it's an animal that I think if we don't do something substantial, and this is maybe a really good first

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To be crystal clear, this is not an anti–firearm or anti–ATV issue.

— CAROL MOFFATT

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piece, I think is going to eat us up, and we're not going to like what it does to our community."

Minden Hills council has been dealing with complaints stemming from use of a public access to Gull Lake, located at the end of Murdoch. There, trees have been cut down, residents have constructed a road on public property, and adjacent property owners have reported people urinating and defecating on the property.

Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he supported Moffatt's request, noting similar problems within his municipality.

"I had people complain to me last year or the year before," Ryall said. "First off, they had committed a crime by cutting a small trail into a marshy area, the sweet spot for moose, and so they did that. And then they had the audacity to complain after the fact that a bunch of ATVers came in and tore up the whole area and turned it into a mud bog. So, like, where does it all go?"

Moffatt and Devolin will attempt to facilitate a conversation with the MNRF through its Bancroft and Parry Sound district offices, addressing uses on pieces of Crown land that have been proven to be problematic. The county will also draft a correspondence that could be used by other municipalities facing the same problems.

Nature would have loved the teenage me

I will always remember when David Flowers uttered that phrase. David is retired now after a long career as a Fish Biologist with the MNRF. He spent much of his career researching fish in Haliburton area lakes.

As new lakefront property owners many of us feel that we should tidy and clean up our lakefront. We want to clear up the fallen logs, get those big rocks out and pull out the weeds. David's advice was – don't do it! Nature abhors neatness

The living things in our lakes, including fish, need those fallen tree branches, rocks, and weeds. They provide shelter, food, and areas for spawning. Any good fisherman knows to look for areas like that to catch fish.

A natural shoreline with tree and shrub branches hanging over the lake

cools the water and provides the food and fallen branches critical to our fish populations. The water in front of a natural shoreline is teeming with life and critical food sources for the living things in our lakes.

By contrast, the water in front of a grass lawn is largely devoid of life.

I have been on Mountain Lake for more than 60 years. As the years have gone by, I see more and more manicured lawns to the shore and fewer fish, crayfish, and frogs.

So, go back to your teenage days and be messy, not neat. Your lake and the fish will love you for it.

Submitted

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Kim Wark brings quirky to the paper with Kwarky

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Since 2010, Kim Wark has contributed a spot of colour, humour and clever fun on a weekly basis to the pages of the *Minden Times*, one comic panel at a time.

It's her name you see signed to the bottom of Kwarky, the comic she designs for Page 6 each week. To date, she has created more than 500 cartoons for this paper.

Wark, now a teacher living in Oshawa, began cartooning in 1996. Like her hero, Gary Larson who creates the *Far Side* comic strip, she isn't trained as an artist. Instead, she graduated university with a psychology degree, and then ventured out into the world.

"I headed out west for a chance to just see what I like doing," she said.

While there, waitressing in Banff at the Keg restaurant, she befriended another girl in her mid-20s, who was an animator for Disney Studios in Toronto but also taking a year off.

"And so she was trying to make me laugh, and doodling on coasters," said Wark. "I've been a writer since I was a kid. I love words, I love word play, I write stories. And I pitched the idea – do you want to start a cartoon up? I'll write the tag lines, and you do the art."

An editor at *The Wild Life* newspaper was interested in Wark's pitch, and so began a few years of Wark contributing cartoons and humour articles.

"Then my friend went back to her real job in Toronto and got too busy to keep up," laughed Wark.

Wark took a cartooning course in Calgary and decided to take on both the art and the writing.

"It was really good, I love taking continuing education courses," she said. "This was an artist, doing a private course at an artists' centre in Calgary. Just what tools to use, markers, paper, how to create bodies and angle. And yeah, it was fun. That was really early on, so it just gave me confidence to develop my own style. And I've kept it simple."

When Wark moved back to Toronto, she stopped the comic in Banff, and cold called the *Minden Times*, knowing the area for a cottage she kept on Maple Lake at the time.

"I'm local in spirit," she laughed.

Since then, Kwarky has been exclusively published in the *Times* each week, which Wark said helps her keep a schedule for creating.

"I draw it with pencil, and then I ink it with an ultra fine Sharpie, which you can get at just an arts and craft store, nothing fancy," said Wark. "Then I erase the pencil, fix mistakes and then I scan it into the computer, and Adobe Illustrator will do some things that I need, like crisping up the lines. And being able to type the tagline. Adobe Photoshop



Kim Wark, who creates Kwarky for the *Minden Times*, with her pandemic puppy Reece. / Submitted photo

helps me with colour and making it into a JPEG."

"My motto is less is more," she said of her creative style. "So I try to keep things relatively two-dimensional."

Occasionally, she is stumped for ideas, especially with a full-time job set in routine.

"You have to get out of that and not think about your to-do list," she said. "I am a creative person and I spend most of my time in my own head. My mind just wanders. As long as I'm not stressed, I can just let my mind react to things I hear, things I read. And then I also try and get out of my comfort zone, which is usually education and dogs. I try to think about, you know, careers that people don't do cartoons about. So like, let's do a funny cartoon about an architect, or a dentist. What's funny about that? So sort of just challenging yourself to, 'what if?' situations."

Besides the *Times*, her work has also been seen in *Reader's Digest*, and through CartoonStock.com her art has been purchased for textbooks, newsletters, by professors and even by people who might want it on a mug. CartoonStock allows Wark to sell her work, rather than have it downloaded by those not respecting copyright laws.

But despite having a prolific portfolio, Wark said she doesn't have one favourite piece.

"The ones that stand out to me are the ones that are really funny, because they're not all really funny," she laughed. "The ones that are beautiful to look at, with the colours, and the ones that have as few words as possible. That's one of the hardest things about car-

tooning, to use as few words and let the art carry the cartoon."

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Standby list available for end-of-day vaccines

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking, held virtually June 23 and press releases from the health unit.

As of June 28, residents in the HKPR area can register to receive an end-of-day vaccine, if available, at local immunization clinics.

Residents providing their name and phone number, and available to attend a clinic within 25 to 30 minutes of receiving a call can be vaccinated without an appointment or sooner than a later-booked appointment if there are vaccine doses remaining. Participants will only be called if there are extra doses available.

"We know some of our residents are still looking to receive their first or second dose of vaccine, and we are hoping this standby list will provide another option for those individuals," said Bocking. "There could be leftover doses for a variety of reasons. Our goal is to ensure that vaccine gets into someone's arm rather than be wasted."

The standby list is available for anyone wishing to receive their first or second dose of vaccine. As of June 28, anyone aged 18 and older is eligible to receive their second dose of vaccine as long as the minimum interval between doses (21 days for Pfizer, 28 days for Moderna) has passed.

Residents are asked to visit COVID-19 Vaccine-Standby List at <http://www.hkpr.on.ca> between 8 a.m. and noon on the day they are available. Lists will be cleared each day to ensure they are current. If the standby list becomes full, it could be closed before noon.

MOH urges 'some caution' with reopening as delta variant circulates

As COVID-19 vaccination targets set by the province are met and its reopening plans move from Step 1 to Step 2, medical officers of health are following the spread of the delta variant and moving forward cautiously as the vaccine rollout continues.

"We have continued to urge some caution with reopening, especially recognizing some of the unknowns related to the delta variant that we know is circulating in the province," said Bocking. "As the total number of cases has continued to come down provincially, the proportion of cases that are

identified to be or expected to be the delta variant has increased. We know that the delta variant spreads easier than other variants, such as the alpha variant. We know that one dose of the vaccine is not as effective at preventing symptomatic illness from COVID-19 compared to the other variants. We're urging some caution, as we know that the delta variant will find some pockets of the province that are not fully vaccinated or have lower one dose coverage and will continue to cause some outbreaks."

Bocking said lower case counts and vaccination efforts should be celebrated.

"We want to ensure that all of the reopening is done safely and to ensure that we are not taking any steps back," said Bocking. "We want to ensure by the fall we can continue to open schools and see both in-person learning, extracurricular activities return, other social events return, and so I think we want to celebrate the progress we have made and still have some caution as we continue to open up the economy and see gatherings throughout the summer."

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district celebrates day of zero cases

On June 22, the health unit reported no new COVID-19 cases, the first time the region saw no new cases since March 23.

"Although we recognize this does not mean the pandemic is over, it is certainly a milestone worth celebrating," said Bocking in a press release. "Like other areas of the province, we saw a spike in local cases as part of the third wave, so this decrease is a welcome sight."

Bocking said there were numerous reasons for a decrease in cases: the public following public health recommendations including mask-wearing, physical distancing and staying home when sick; and especially the COVID-19 vaccine. According to a June 22 press release, as of June 21, 73 per cent of HKPR residents 12 years of age and older have had at least one dose of vaccine.

"It's very encouraging to see so many of our residents committed to getting fully vaccinated against COVID," said Bocking. "We know many people are eagerly looking for appointments to either book their second dose or receive their second dose sooner. We will continue to be adding more clinics to the provincial booking system as we receive additional vaccine in the coming months."

At press time on June 28, there were no confirmed cases of COVID-19 currently active in Haliburton County.

Prior to March 23, the health unit last saw zero cases on Nov. 29, 2020.

Cancelling appointments

Bocking said the province has done a one-time clearing of the provincial booking system for second appointments that are no longer needed after an accelerated appointment was made. It is supposed to happen on an ongoing basis though at this point has still been a one-time event.

For those who book an appointment or receive a vaccine earlier than their scheduled time through pop-up clinics, pharmacies or as a standby vaccine, it is recommended they log in to or call the provincial booking system to cancel their second appointment so that it can become available for someone else.

Epidemiological report

Bocking said during the press meeting that, at that time, there were 17 active cases across the entire HKPR region. The health unit has resumed contacting high risk contacts, which had shifted to a letter outlining quarantine and testing requirements when health units had reduced capacity due to a spike in COVID-19 cases in the spring. Over two weeks in April, the health unit had been notified of 282 confirmed cases and more than 500 high risk contacts.

At press time on June 28, there are zero outbreaks being reported in the HKPR region. Of the recent cases that have been reported, 28 per cent are in those under the age of 20, and 19 to 20 per cent are between the ages of 20 to 29. Of those cases, 42 per cent were identified as having a close contact source of transmission, 33 per cent were household contacts and 25 per cent did not have a known source.

Overall, Bocking said the health unit was "quite optimistic" about the continued downward trend of cases being identified, which is also generally happening throughout the province.

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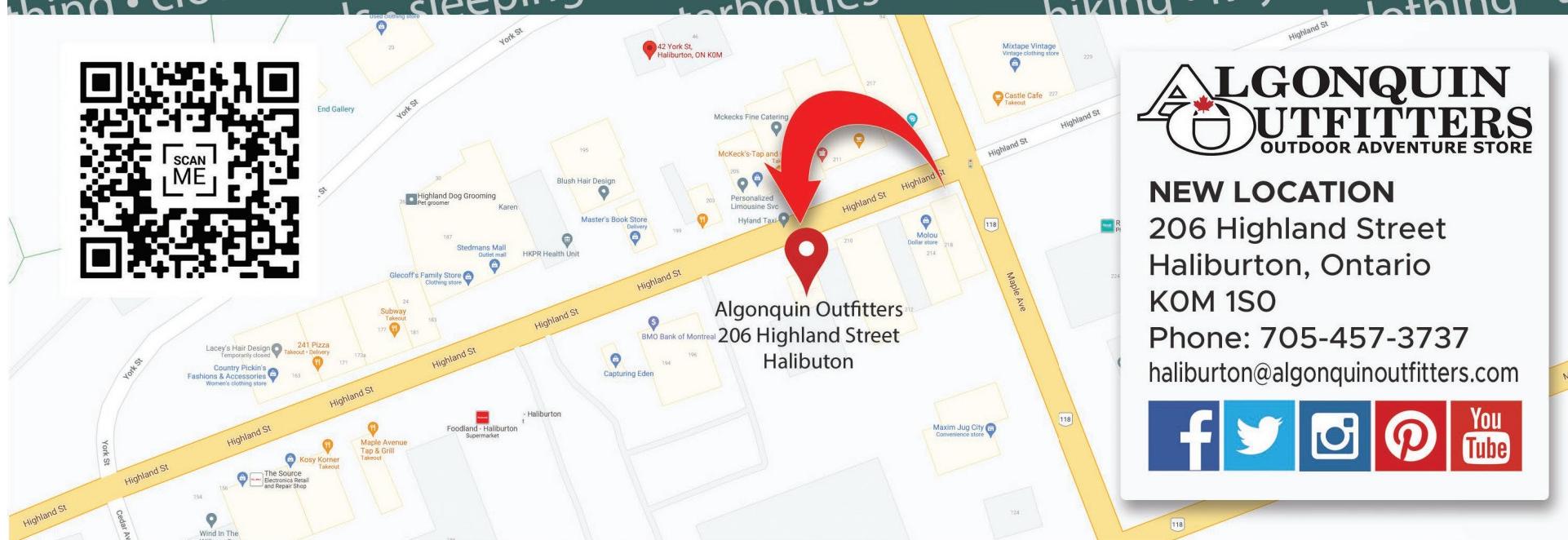


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Project first of its kind for artist

Colleen Petric loves nature and appreciated the opportunity to not just be able to design a logo for the Barnum Creek Reserve, but to also help promote a beautiful place for people to visit./DARREN LUM Staff



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Her favourite part of the logo is the tree because of its details. She adds the circular shape is representative of the sun and contrasts with the rectangular shape of the Land Trust logo. She adds the colour green in the logo represented nature and the inclusion of the coniferous tree is indicative of what is at the reserve she said.

Kadwell said the working group wanted a logo that was memorable and simple, which was related to how it can be in colour or converted to black and white. The logo can be used for road signs, brochures and for promoting events at the property, and is helpful when applying for grants, Kadwell adds. Another key element for the logo was that the creek had to be represented.

Before the work began, Kadwell provided Colleen with the history of Barnum Creek, an electronic file of the Barnum Creek Reserve brochure, and tips related to designing a logo, including the elements for what the Land Trust wanted, which was a simple design, few words. Also, she encouraged Colleen to visit the Reserve to gain a sense of the place.

Colleen said she was left with a sense of appreciation and wonder after her visit. It inspired her in her efforts to create the logo. It made her think of how the Land Trust was entrusted with the stewardship of the Barnum Creek Reserve, which is located a few kilometres from Haliburton, accessed from Gould Crossing Road off of County Road 1.

"I thought it was very thoughtful of Leopoldina and Margaret to donate the land. It's just a really great property and it was a really good experience," she said, referencing her first visit.

A few weeks ago she got to see an image of her logo on a road sign for the first time and said seeing her hard work up on the road sign on County Road 1 was surreal for her.

The Grade 10 student said the design of the logo has the additional benefit of being able to direct the public to the Barnum Creek Reserve, including young people like her.

The property is a beautiful place and ties in with her appreciation for the natural world.

"It's always played a huge role in my life, living out in the country and I just like nature," she said.

She adds she moved up here from Kitchener when she was three years old with her family, who has embraced country life, composting and using the lumber on the property to heat their home.

Her advice to designers embarking on creating a logo is to pay attention to colour and the little details such as the size of elements, which make a significant difference to a viewer. With the logo, she said the tree is an example that reminds her of this, and that the placement of a line has significance.

Gervais said Colleen's potential is unlimited.

"Not only are Colleen's artistic skills, creativity and design sense very strong, but her passion, ambition and commitment to personal growth and helping others will serve her well on whatever path she follows in life!" she wrote.

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With mother Michelle Swartz on her left, and older sister Hailey, nine, on her right, five-year-old Megan has a laugh while spending the afternoon at Horseshoe Lake Beach in Minden on Thursday, June 24. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Trail blazers led Rice's storytelling way

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Hundreds of people registered to hear Waubgeshig Rice speak at the 13th Annual Indigenous Education Evening held virtually by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board on June 15.

Rice, an award-winning author and journalist, is originally from Wasauksing First Nation.

"I grew up at a time in the 1980s when our community was really making concerted efforts to reclaim Anishinaabe culture and customs and reconnect with our history that had been taken from us," he said. "I feel myself and my wider generation and the younger ones are major beneficiaries of that widespread effort to reconnect."

Rice said that was what empowered him to learn "about our culture and our stories and to apply that knowledge and those practices to my educational and professional career in hopes of amplifying Indigenous voices, but also learning about being Indigenous myself."

At that time, Rice said there were no drums in the community, as they had been destroyed, hidden and never found or taken by the Indian agents at the time who upheld the Indian Act, which in part forbade cultural gatherings and ceremonies. The first drum he learned on was a "big bass drum from a pawn



Author
Waubgeshig Rice was the speaker at the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's 13th Annual Indigenous Education Evening held virtually on June 15. /Screenshot from TLDSB event

shop," purchased by some of the elders from the community. He learned to sing and drum using sticks fashioned out of tent poles and fishing poles with foam tied around the ends.

"I always say that was a real punk rock kind of way to get back into the old songs, because it was a very do-it-yourself kind of initiative," said Rice.

Prior to Rice attending school, kids would attend kindergarten in the community at what was then called Ryerson Indian Day School, and then head to Parry Sound for the remainder of their schooling. But when the movement to reclaim culture happened, he said the older generation – including his parents, their peers and the elders of the com-

munity – lobbied to expand the school on the reserve by advocating for funding and control of educational administration. As a result, Rice was one of the first kids to graduate from Grade 8 at the school, which was renamed as Wasauksing Kinomaugewgamik, or Wasauksing School.

"Part of that autonomy and sovereignty was ensuring we had time for cultural learning," said Rice. "So that meant bringing in elders specifically to tell us stories or teach us about our culture. But also it was very informal at the same time, in that if an elder just happened to be walking down the road and they wanted to come in and hang out with the kids, they would make time for that too."

Rice said that if he was in math class, and an elder suddenly knocked on the door and entered, the students put away their math books and instead were able to engage in story time with the elder.

"I learned early on just how crucial that storytelling element was in terms of preserving our culture and ensuring that we were aware of who we were as Anishinabek," he said.

Rice said even as a very young child, he recognized the stories were important and tried to remember them so that he could pass them along to future generations.

"That storytelling foundation was laid at a pretty early age for me," he said.

After graduating from Grade 8, Rice attended high school in Parry Sound. While he loved reading and English class, he said the approach to storytelling was different in that engaging with stories was more formal – head down, reading a book, having a "solitary, even isolating experience," and interpreting the stories independently as opposed to having a communal or collective experience.

"We would sit on the floor and look up at an elder and engage with the story together, we would laugh together, cry together, and so on," he said. "But going into the more formal education system of secondary, it was just all by yourself ... OK, it's just a different way of doing things."

He also noticed that reading lists were only books by "white authors, usually white men, and they're usually dead, these dudes who are long gone."

"The way the curriculum sets it up, is that the book is the pinnacle of storytelling expression," said Rice. "That is the highest form of storytelling you can get, that's how the system presents it to you. And because we'd only read these books by white men, I thought, well, OK, that is not a realm for me. I did not read any Indigenous experiences written by Indigenous authors so I thought the stories I heard growing up aren't part of this. I just accepted it."

In Grade 11, an auntie who was also one of his first teachers at Wasauksing Kinomaugewgamik asked him, at a family function, how school was doing.

"She always took a keen interest in our education after we graduated from Grade 8, she always checked in with us pretty regularly," said Rice.

When he told her he enjoyed school, and in particular English class, she asked him what authors he was reading to which he replied: Shakespeare, J.D. Salinger, W.O. Mitchell, and so on.

"After that, she started giving me books by Indigenous authors, for my birthday and for Christmas and even just randomly," said Rice. "Books by Thomas King and Richard Wagamese, Lee Maracle, Louise Erdrich, Maria Campbell. All of these authors who are already out there, writing important works of Indigenous literature and really blazing that trail that I eventually ended up on."

Rice said these books are how he learned about the *Sixties Scoop* (*Keeper'n Me*, Richard Wagamese), where he saw the "humour of our stories really expertly portrayed" (*Green Grass, Running Water*, Thomas King) and the "brutalities of the colonial existence" (*Ravensong*, Lee Maracle and *Tracks*, Louise Erdrich).

"I just wasn't familiar with them at all through the education system," he said. "It totally blew me away. It opened my eyes to this entirely different way of telling stories and what I saw were not just my own experiences as Anishinaabe person reflected back to me from the page. I saw these universal elements of the realities of Indigenous people that could bring people together just by writing them down and sharing them en masse."

Rice knew then that one day he would be a published author.

"It was just totally empowering for me to know that that was a viable outlet for me, for my storytelling," he said. "And it was not something I learned in the classroom. Not at all. I didn't have teachers showing me that back when I was a teenager in the 1990s, in the formal Ontario education system."

Rice credits his aunt for introducing him to a more diverse reading list.

"Nowadays when I look back, I was very fortunate to have this aunt who showed me that way," he said. "But I had accepted that that wasn't a place for me. I had never entertained the idea of pursuing that as an artistic expression for myself until I had an aunt show me that. I think about all of my peers and just Indigenous people or Black people or other artists of colour who grew up in the same time who never had that opportunity, who didn't fortunately have an aunt to show them what really could be. I think as a result Canada has missed out, and we're really only starting to catch up now to what some of the actual diverse experiences of living in this country really are."

While Rice said that both fiction and non-fiction books are a great resource to learn about history and everyday experiences, he also said it's important to form relationships with people, including people who "make time to share and tell our stories."

"I'm encouraged and empowered nowadays to see kids at the high school level learning about Indigenous authors and other authors from so-called marginalized communities, because that is how we will get to a place of understanding what Canada really is, and what it really has been because we have not - none of us - have been shown the reality of Canada whatsoever."

For more information about Indigenous Education at TLDSB visit <https://www.tldsb.ca/indigenous-education>. *Moon of the Crusted Snow* by Waubgeshig Rice is available at Master's Book Store at 195 Highland Street or through the Haliburton County Public Library.

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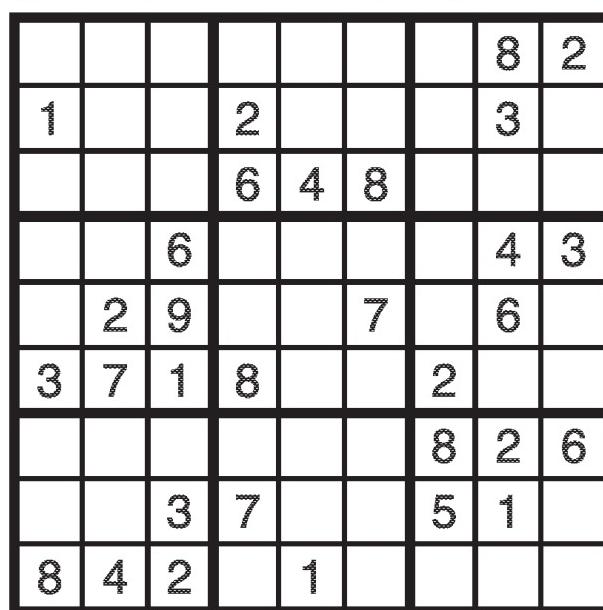
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Consultants to conduct public engagement process

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cause the questions really do kind of get to the heart of building a good engagement and consultation strategy, and the key to that is sort of understanding your community, and how to adapt your approaches to reflect your community," Ferrigan said.

Ferrigan said he thought input from the conservation authority was important in terms of harmonizing regulations. "They may only represent a small portion of the geography that we're dealing with, but they do bring an important perspective to the table in terms of a regulatory perspective, and that's why we feel it's important to consult with them," he said, adding the consultants would take into consideration the suggestion of additional organizations.

As for the chamber of commerce, Ferrigan said he believed it would bring a local business perspective.

As for lake associations, Ferrigan said he recognized the point Moffatt was making in terms of associations not representing the views of all their members, or all the residents of their lakes.

"It is difficult when you're in a situation where an organization is making statements that may not represent all of the members that they represent," he said. "That is a true governance issue, and that is their governance issue, with respect. The challenge here is to understand what their perspective is, to reflect that, both in the feedback and in the ultimate recommendations that are brought forward."

Ferrigan said the consultants planned to send letters to each of the county's registered lake associations, asking them to respond in writing, and then bring that feedback to county council through the first and possibly second round of the consultation strategy.

"My top concern is echoed by Councillor Moffatt, with respect to the lake associations," said Danielsen, "and the fact that they truly don't represent all of people that live on the lakes. And there are some very divergent views there."

"One thing I want to stress is that, you have a list of stakeholders and we may wish to add to that list," Danielsen continued. "And for anyone who's listening, I would really like to stress that no one stakeholder is more important than another.

other. Everybody's voice needs to be heard to [the] greatest extent possible."

Danielsen said she saw the value of consulting the chamber of commerce as an entity, as well as business owners themselves.

"In the face of not seeing any other concern around the lake associations, I'll leave it," said Moffatt, "but I still think it's problematic to take statements from an organization that hasn't proven it has gone through an internal process that allows it to speak on behalf of its members, but I'll let that lie."

Danielsen noted that the list of stakeholders included lake associations, but did not mention the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations, whose membership includes dozens of the county's associations.

Ferrigan said that was oversight on the part of the consultants, and that the CHA would be included on the list.

"So that would mean that certain lake associations would have a double voice in the process," Moffatt said, "through CHA as an umbrella organization, sort of a mother ship."

She added, "I had thought that the associations being separated out was sort of on purpose, so that they could speak for themselves as opposed to speaking through a second group that has one of the passionate positions."

The CHA has loudly voiced its support for a shoreline preservation bylaw, while the Haliburton Homebuilders' Association has loudly voiced its concerns that the draft bylaw as it had been proposed was too restrictive.

"Is that not the case though, with the chamber and the homebuilders and local contractors?" said Danielsen, noting many landscaping and construction businesses were members of the chamber of commerce. "Really, the same argument would apply there. And they're both so engaged in this process and have such strong positions that maybe they deserve a double voice."

"That's fine," said Moffatt. "I think it's very important in this process that we acknowledge this, and if council's fine with that, then we can be satisfied that ... the question was asked, we had a conversation, we're satisfied with the answer, we'll move ahead. As opposed to, what we have experienced in the last year and a half, which is accusations of, you know, cloak of darkness and weird connections to various

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Every single individual has an opportunity to be involved in it.

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groups and biases and whatnot, so I think it's very important to acknowledge any of the questions or concerns that we are hearing from the public."

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he was satisfied with the consultation process as it had been laid out.

"Lots of people wear different hats ... we know and acknowledge that that's the case," Devolin said. "I would say that there are some primary stakeholders that are identified, but the reality is, this is an open process. Every single individual has an opportunity to be involved in it. And so, I think although you could say that it's imperfect, I think it's totally inclusive with how this will work out, and if anybody doesn't have any input in this process, it's because they've decided not to."

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Johnstone
Lot 2, Concession 8, Kushog Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 2, Concession 8, Kushog Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 2, Concession 8, Kushog Lake, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 2, Concession 8, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10442.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 15th day of July, 2021 and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: June 30th, 2021

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Carlin
Lot 13, Concession 10
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 13, Concession 10, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

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FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 13, Concession 10, described as Part 3 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10431.

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Looking forward to normalcy

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beds, a ceiling lift, hand-washing stations and an automatic medication dispensing unit. The money also supported community programs such as the Senior's Gift-a-Meal program, Medically-required Transportation program, and technology including smart phones and tablets to improve connectivity for mental health programs, and new iPads for long-term care residents, so they could keep connected with family and friends.

The end is near

Dr. Steve Ferracuti, interim co-chief of staff at HHHS, said that, fortunately, over the past 12 months COVID-19 did not hit our community as badly as many feared it would. He noted that, since the onset of the pandemic last March, there had been only three COVID-19 positive patients admitted to the Haliburton and Minden hospitals, while just 23 emergency patients were confirmed as being COVID positive.

Plummer added that there were no cases of COVID-19 among long-term care residents at either Highland Wood or Hyland Crest, which are both operated by the local health service. Too, she noted that no patients acquired COVID-19 while on site at either the Haliburton or Minden hospitals.

Given the encouraging signs province-wide right now, with record lows in new daily case counts, and thousands of people being vaccinated every day, Ferracuti expressed his hope that the end is near.

"We hope that the pandemic is behind us. We do know that we cannot completely let our guard down. For most of the world's population, this is not over, and we have not been unaffected," Ferracuti said. "My thanks go out to all of our staff for their tireless work over the past year... It has been a crazy and exhausting year for all of us. We look forward to getting back to some sense of normalcy soon."



PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Sloss
Lot 20, Concession 10, Little Hawk Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 20, Concession 10, Little Hawk Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 20, Concession 10, Little Hawk Lake, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 20, Concession 10, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10425.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **15th day of July, 2021** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Bennett
Lot 25, Concession 5, Maple Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 25, Concession 5, Maple Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 25, Concession 5, Maple Lake, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 25, Concession 5, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10438.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **15th day of July, 2021** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

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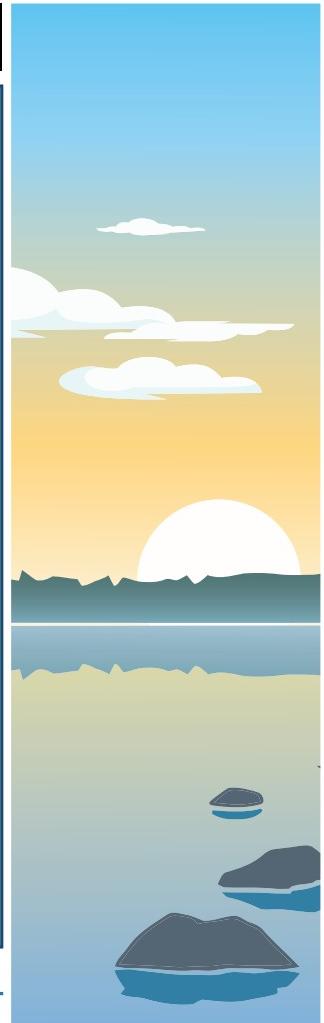
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The family of the late Margaret Brogden expresses this message to the many enthusiastic friends and families who have supported us in this time of loss. First and foremost, to the staff at Highland Wood, including Drs. Conway and Stevenson, for their meticulous care so often delivered with shared humour. The forest-like array of cards we have received is an apt reminder of the many occasions full of memories where we as family have camped in, traversed through and explored from the shores of Hudson's Bay to Cape Horn. We have also special thanks to those who have made donations in Margaret's memory to HHHS Foundation and to the Haliburton Nordic Trails' shelter building project. Our family's connections to this caring and supportive Community will remain forever strong.

Peter Brogden & Family...



650 OBITUARIES



Derek Little

passed away June 11, 2021 after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

Derek Little's love of life didn't come to an end with his death. Derek leaves behind his beloved children Camraen, Caden, Liam, Quinten, and Kaelem with many memories to hold in their hearts and draw on throughout their lives. He also leaves behind loving parents Alex and Zetta Little, brothers Alex(Chris), Larry(Jess), Sam(Marina), and sister Tanya(Rob predeceased), and 14 nieces and nephews who are deeply saddened by his death, and will continue to honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest. Derek was a dedicated teacher for the outdoor education program at HHSS, a football coach, mentor and friend. He is remembered for his love of the outdoors, his sense of humor, his smile and his contagious laughter. He was a teller of great stories, was eager to help others, and loved spending time in nature with his family. Due to COVID 19 a Celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations can be made to Brain Cancer Canada, Princess Margaret Hospital, Haliburton Health Services or a charity of your choice.

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They left with mixed emotions: eagerly looking forward to the challenges of high school but also knowing that as one phase of their educational life was beginning, an-



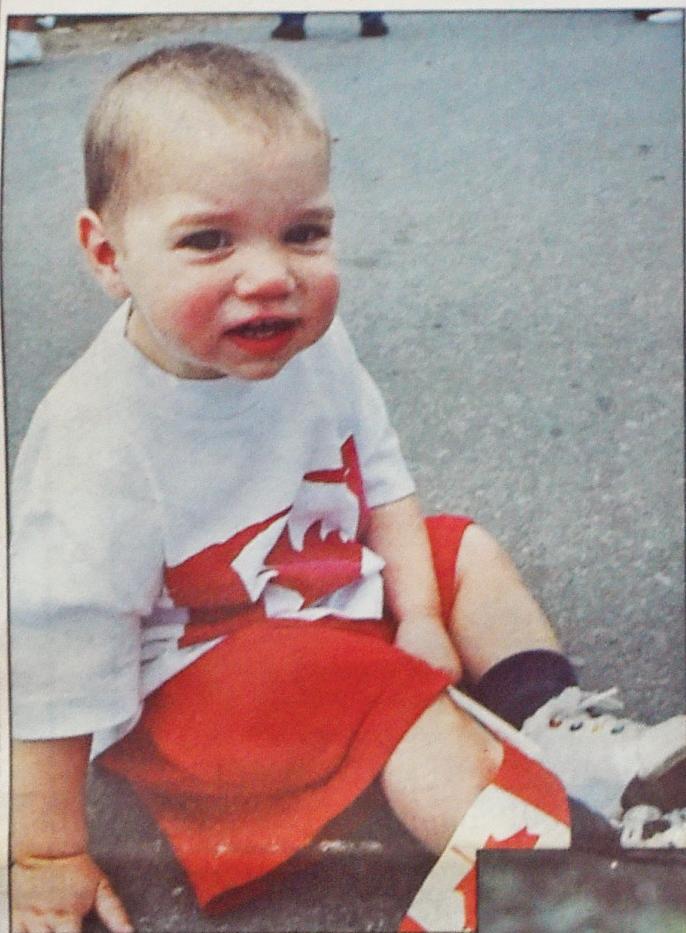
Vice Principal Doug Bothwell presents the Alan Walker Memorial Award to Roy Vineham.

other was ending.

The occasion was witnessed by proud parents and family members, teachers, fellow students and members of the community who gathered in the school's gymnasium to congratulate the efforts which had brought them to this point in their lives and to wish them well.

The graduates and audience were welcomed by Archie Stouffer Elementary School principal Rosie Kenney. She acknowledged the important role parents, family members, teachers, teaching assistants, school staff and fellow students played in ensuring the success of the members of the graduating classes. She also pointed out that

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The Canada Day festivities in Minden

may have been cut short by the inclement weather, but residents and visitors had a full day to enjoy the many activities and displays to commemorate our nation's 132nd birthday.

Hundreds came out to celebrate, despite the threat of rain. Sections of both South Water and Prince streets were closed to traffic, to provide space for display booths and pedestrians to wander. Community organizations such as the Haliburton Highlands Hospital Foundation and the Haliburton Outdoors Association were on hand to answer questions. The main stage, in the parking lot of Minden Auto Care, showcased a variety of local talent, including the fiddle playing Tink brothers, the Mansfield School of Highlands Dance and a historical reading by Eleanor Cooper. The day was officially

A party for young and old

The Canada Day celebration attracted a large crowd of spectators and participants to downtown Minden Thursday. Hundreds of people turned out to mark the country's 132nd birthday. The day included a full schedule of activities to see and take part in.

At the left: Togged out in Canada Day paraphernalia, young Luke Jenkins, visiting the Highlands from Cincinnati, Ohio, got into the spirit of the day. Below: Minden residents Dick and Laura Kirkwood didn't allow a light drizzle to deter their enjoyment of the festivities as they watched from the river bank. For more photos see pages 16 & 17.



opened with a Royal Canadian Legion colour guard and the singing of O Canada by Kate Campbell.

The fish were feeling patriotic on July first as even the rock bass were

willing to participate in the annual fishing derby on the Gull river on Canada Day.

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